

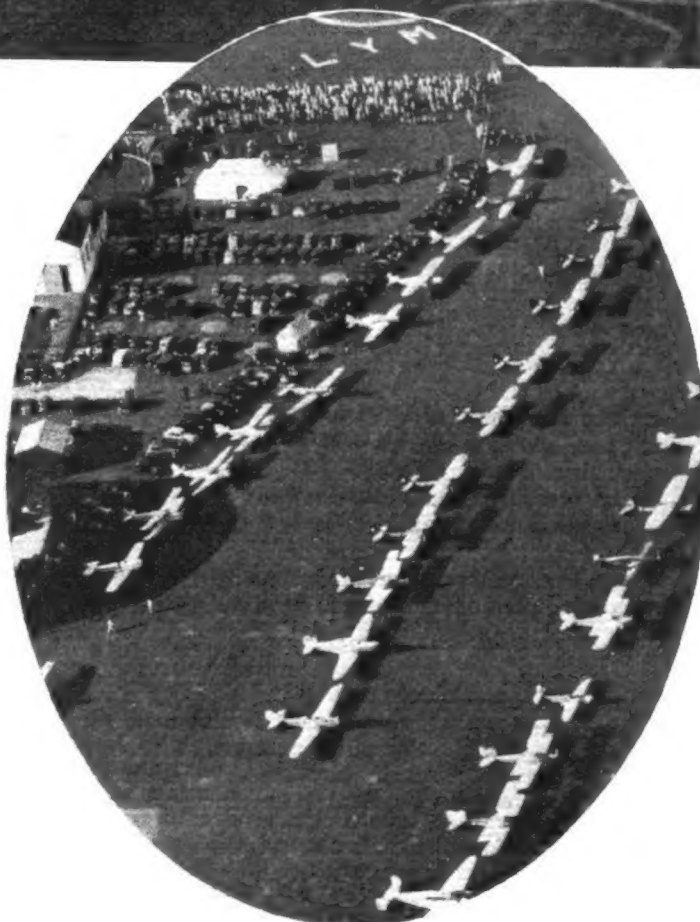
THE BRITISH AIRCRAFT INDUSTRY

An Aero Show on Paper

THIS week's issue of *Flight* is devoted almost entirely to a review of the British aircraft industry. It is produced deliberately to coincide with the Fifteenth International Aero Exhibition, to be held in Paris from Friday, November 13 to Sunday, November 29, so that readers of *Flight* throughout the world may have an opportunity to become familiar with every sphere of British aeronautical industrial activity.

It was obviously impossible for all the firms of which the British aircraft industry is composed (nearly 300) to take place at the Paris Aero Show, and when *Flight* announced its intention to publish a special issue in which the products of the industry would be dealt with the response was excellent. Thanks to the co-operation of all the firms, the result has been that this week's issue forms a very complete guide to the very wide range of aircraft, aero engines, materials, instruments, accessories and equipment which the British aircraft industry as a whole has to offer.

Since *Flight* published its previous annual issue devoted to the British aircraft industry, on December



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DEALING as it does with the products of over 200 firms in considerable detail, this issue of *Flight* forms a valuable work of reference and index to the British aircraft industry.

For the information of new readers, it should be pointed out that the constitution of this special number is not typical of ordinary issues, which, in addition to the regular features such as Commercial Aviation, Club News, and Royal Air Force Notes, contain fully illustrated articles on various aviation subjects of topical interest, together with latest news of the industry.

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5, 1935, the R.A.F. expansion scheme has got well under weigh, and the result is, to some extent, reflected in the number of firms whose products are described in the present issue. An examination of the different sections indicates that there are now more than thirty British firms which produce aircraft, some thirteen manufacturing aero engines, and approximately 240 companies engaged in one branch or another of the multifarious ramifications of the industry generally.

A few words of explanation of the plan upon which this issue is based may be of assistance to readers in finding rapidly any product in which they may be particularly interested. Aircraft and aero engines will be found on the following pages:—

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